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1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON OOVV SUBJECTS WITH CHAYET,
QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND
CONSULAR AFFAIRS, ICEM'S ASSISTANCE TO FRANCE IN ITS
REFUGEE PROGRAM CAME UP. CHAYET SAID THAT HE HAD
RECENTLY TALKED WITH ICEM DIRECTOR JOHN THOMAS IN
GENEVA AND ALSO WITH A FRENCH NATIONAL WORKING FOR THE
ORGANIZATION. THEY URGED HIM TO SUPPORT FRENCH ADHER-
ENCE TO ICEM. CHAYET SAID THAT WHILE THE GOF COULD SEE
SOME ADVANTAGES TO JOINING ICEM, IT COULD ALSO SEE SOME
DISADVANTAGES, AND THE FINAL CONCLUSION WAS THAT THERE
WAS NO REAL REASON FOR FRANCE TO ADHERE FORMALLY.
CHAYET HAD HEARD THAT THE UK MIGHT SEND AN
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OBSERVER, BUT HE DOUBTED THAT FRANCE WOULD DO THE SAME.
HE NOTED THAT ICEM'S ASSISTANCE IN THE SUPPORT OF
REFUGEES WAS SOMETHING OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR
FRANCE WHICH IS WHY THEY MAINTAIN THEIR CORDIAL
RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND WHY CHAYET HAD
MADE HIS TRIP TO SEE THOMAS IN GENEVA. CHAYET SAID
THAT THIS PROGRAM WAS NOT, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE

PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF ICEM'S MANDATE, AND IT WAS THE
OTHER ACTIVITIES OF ICEM WHICH PROVIDE THE ARGUMENTS
AGAINST FRENCH ADHERENCE. CHAYET CONCLUDED THAT FRANCE
WOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH ICEM AND BE GRATEFUL FOR ITS
ASSISTANCE, BUT WOULD NOT ALTER ITS CURRENT FORM OF
RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION.
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